



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 393

By Representatives Gilmore, Hardaway, Alexander, Campbell, Johnnie Turner, Kevin Brooks, Don Miller, Moore

and

Senators Berke, Kyle, Herron, Overbey, Ford

A RESOLUTION to observe the National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2011, and commemorate the One-year Anniversary of the Tennessee Floods of 2010.

WHEREAS, on May 1 and 2, 2010, heavy rains pummeled Tennessee, causing unprecedented flooding in Nashville and the surrounding areas of Middle Tennessee as well as extensive flooding in Shelby County and across West Tennessee; tragically, twenty-one Tennesseans lost their lives before the waters receded in what was called a 1,000-year flood; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's first responders in the field worked above and beyond the call of duty, as they put their own lives on the line, performing countless water rescues, answering emergency calls, and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, many flood victims who escaped with just the clothes on their backs returned home only to find total devastation, having lost all their possessions as Tennessee suffered billions of dollars in property damage that will take years to repair or replace; and

WHEREAS, seeking to help, groups of citizens both large and small immediately began providing assistance, as everyday Tennesseans showed why this state is called the "Volunteer State" by rescuing neighbors, providing shelter, joining clean up crews, providing food and water, and donating money to aid those in need; and

WHEREAS, over the following days and months, Tennessee and its citizens experienced an outpouring of support from the entire nation, as assistance arrived through various means, from charitable organizations, national corporations, federal, state, and local governments, and countless American citizens from across the nation who came to lend a hand; and

WHEREAS, throughout this disaster, the strength, courage, and faith of the people of the State of Tennessee never retreated, but rather, have further grown and been buoyed by a renewed sense of community, compassion, and trust; and

WHEREAS, since 1952, every President of the United States has declared a National Day of Prayer, and the National Day of Prayer has been held on the first Thursday in May since 1988. This year, it will be observed on Thursday, May 5, 2011 - approximately marking the one-year anniversary of the tragic flooding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that on this annual observance of the National Day of Prayer on May 5, 2011, we hereby urge every Tennessean to remember those lost in the Tennessee Floods of 2010, resolve to continue their tremendous support of the ongoing recovery efforts, and give thanks for that wonderful Volunteer Spirit that makes us all proud to be Tennesseans.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 12, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR